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Blast off with the return of cosmic hero, Space Ace, his faithful partner, Kimberly, as well as their newly-adopted bundle of joy, Baby Borf! Picking up right where the video game left off, our cosmic couple is looking forward to some quality time... but that's hard to do when the effects of the Infanto Ray keep de-aging Ace into the pint-sized Dexter! And to top that off, they're being hunted by a dastardly villain who may hold the cure to Ace's regressive condition!

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WELL...
IT'S LIKE THIS...

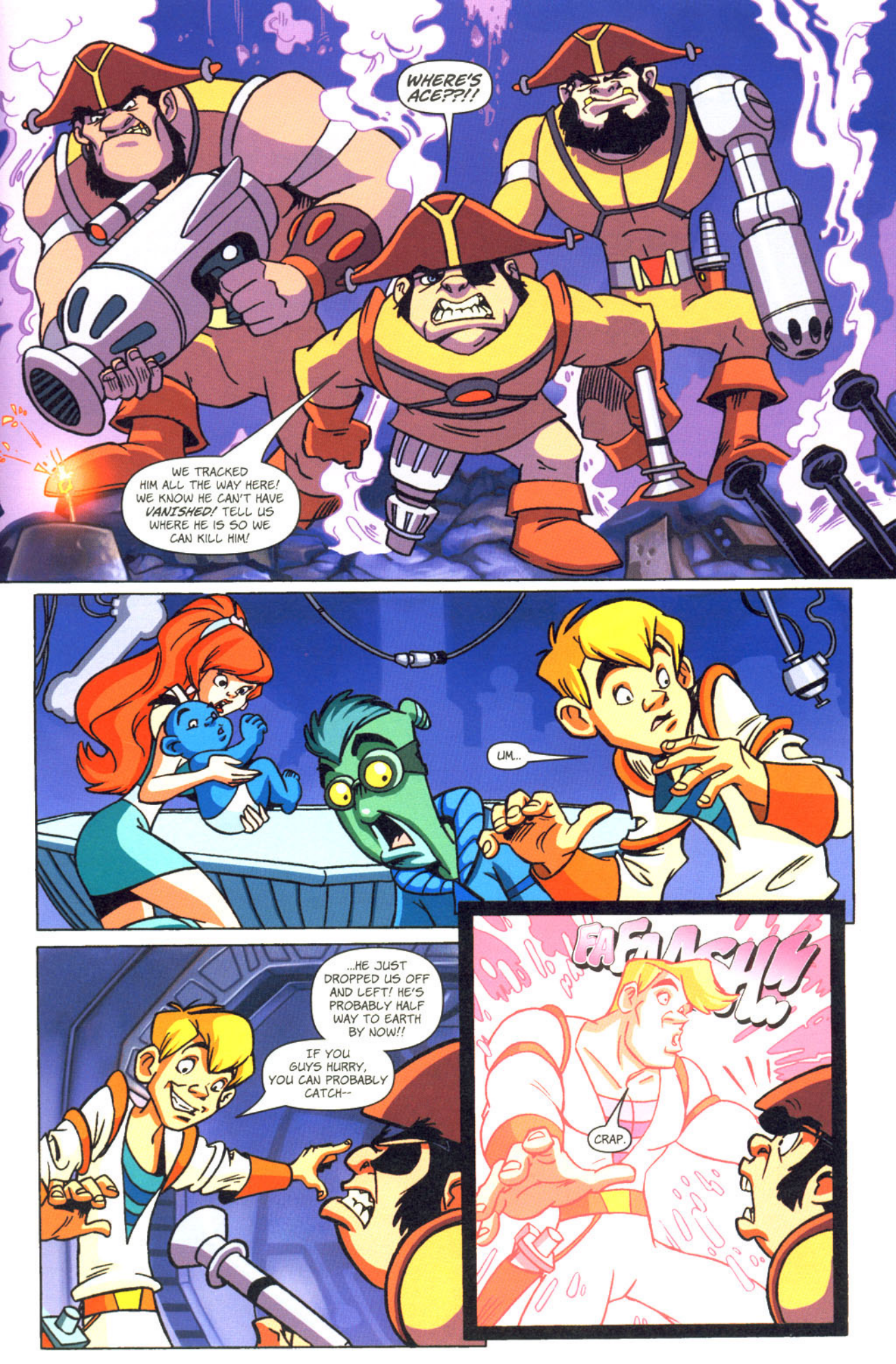
"KIMMY AND I HAD BEEN CALLED IN TO CHECK OUT A DISTRESS CALL ON A DESOLATE OUTPOST IN THE QUAD SECTOR.
"LITTLE DID WE KNOW, THE EVIL COMMANDER BORF WAS BEHIND THE DISTRESS CALL. IT WAS ALL JUST A RUSE TO LURE US OUT AWAY FROM ALL THE MAJOR SPACE STATIONS.
"HE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, WITH HIS INFANTO RAY FIRING IN ALL DIRECTIONS."
"THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE AIR... SOMETHING JUST WASN'T RIGHT. IT FELT LIKE A TRAP...
"...AND IT WAS."
"THAT'S WHEN I WAS SHOT BY IT FOR THE FIRST TIME.
"THAT'S WHEN ALL THIS BEGAN..."
"WHILE I WAS DISTRACTED BY MY TRANSFORMATION, KIMBERLY WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE.
"I CHASED BORF ACROSS THE ENTIRE GALAXY TO SAVE HER. ALL THE WHILE ENDURING THESE STRANGE AGE FLUCTUATIONS."

"AFTER I RESCUED KIMBERLY, SHE CLUED ME IN ON WHAT WAS GOING ON.
"BORF'S MASTER PLAN WAS TO USE HIS INFANTO RAY TO ENSLAVE EARTH!"
"KIMBERLY AND I HAD OTHER PLANS!"
"BORF DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!!!"
"OF COURSE... BECAUSE OF KIMBERLY'S LOVE OF CHILDREN, WE GOT STUCK WITH THE LITTLE STINKER!
"ANYTHING TO KEEP MY GIRL HAPPY..."

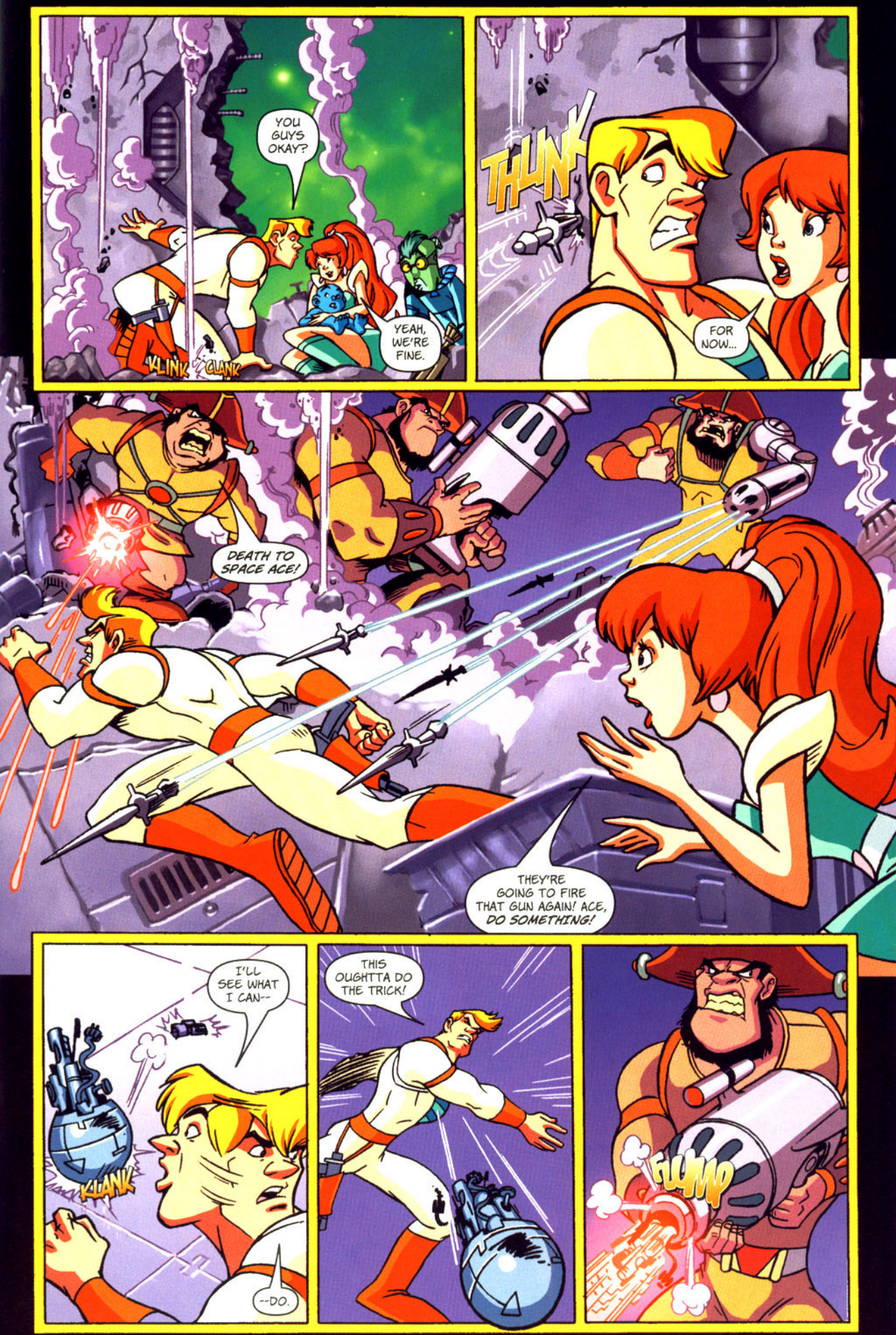
SINCE MY INITIAL EXPOSURE TO THE INFANTO RAY, ITS EFFECTS ON ME HAVE BEEN COMING AND GOING COMPLETELY AT--
FAFAASH!!
--RANDOM.
WOW... THAT'S... AMAZING!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
THIS IS CERTAINLY GOING TO TAKE MORE TESTING. I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO FOR YOU TODAY.
I HAVE BLOOD AND TISSUE SAMPLES. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT I COME UP WITH IN A COUPLE DAYS.
CAN YOU AT LEAST TAKE A LOOK AT BABY BORF?
OUR ADOPTION IS BEING PROCESSED ON EARTH RIGHT NOW AND I'D HATE TO FIND OUT THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH HIM!

HE APPEARS TO BE A COMPLETELY HEALTHY BABY BOY. YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
OH THANK GOODNESS!
RRRUUUMMMBLE
GULP!
WHAT WAS THAT?

KA-SHOOOOM

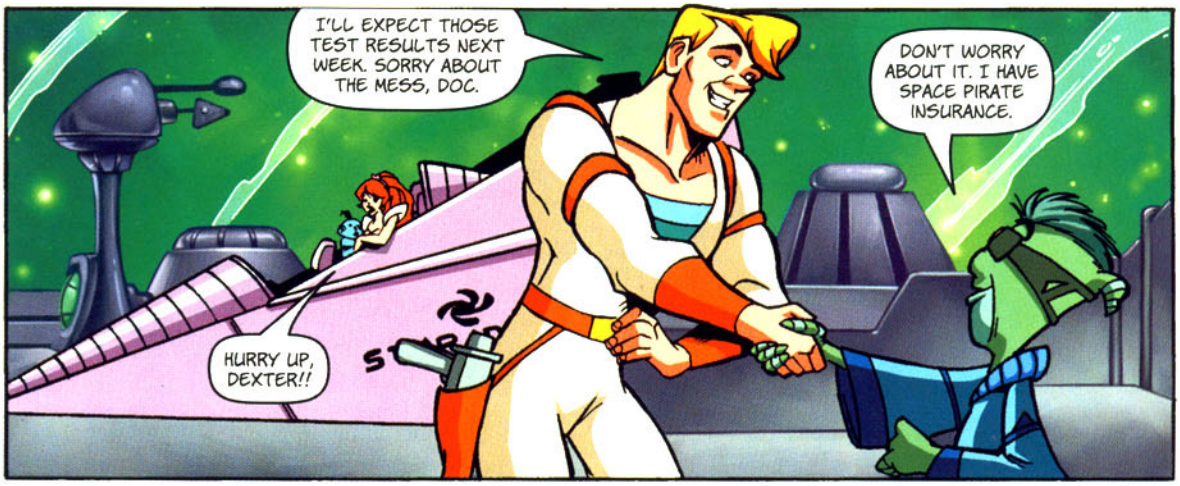

WHERE'S ACE??!!
WE TRACKED HIM ALL THE WAY HERE! WE KNOW HE CAN'T HAVE VANISHED! TELL US WHERE HE IS SO WE CAN KILL HIM!
UM...
...HE JUST DROPPED US OFF AND LEFT! HE'S PROBABLY HALF WAY TO EARTH BY NOW!!
IF YOU GUYS HURRY, YOU CAN PROBABLY CATCH--
FAFAAACHU!
CRAP.

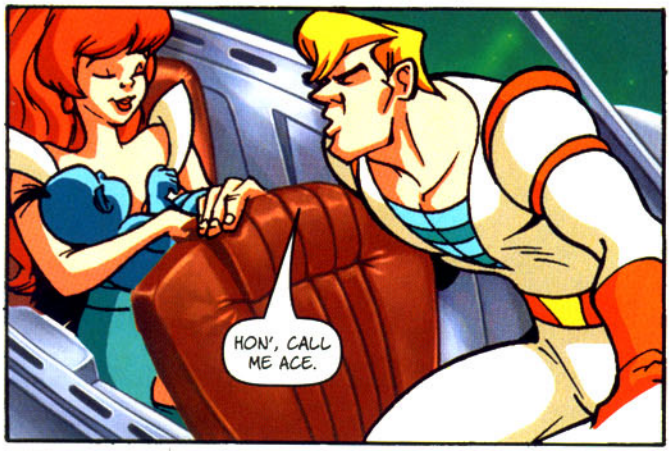
FINALLY... I HAVE SPACE ACE... THE MOST DECORATED AGENT OF THE INTERGALACTIC ALLIANCE IN MY GRASP.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR YOU, ACE. YOUR MISSION IS AT AN END!
KILL HIM!!
VZAAAGT
GET DOWN!!
KATHOOOOM
OOF!!


YOU GUYS OKAY?
YEAH, WE'RE FINE.
KLINK
CLANK
THUNK
FOR NOW...
DEATH TO SPACE ACE!
THEY'RE GOING TO FIRE THAT GUN AGAIN! ACE, DO SOMETHING!
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN--
--DO.
KLANK
THIS OUGHTTA DO THE TRICK!
FLUMP

BOOM

WHOA
DEXTER? YOU STILL WITH US?
YEAH... I'M FINE...

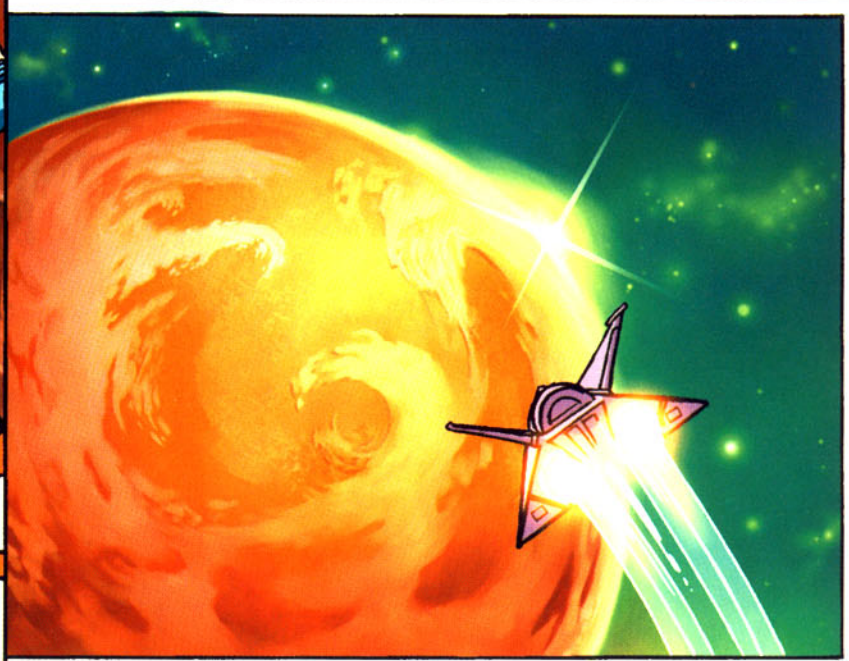

I'LL EXPECT THOSE TEST RESULTS NEXT WEEK. SORRY ABOUT THE MESS, DOC.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I HAVE SPACE PIRATE INSURANCE.
HURRY UP, DEXTER!!


HON', CALL ME ACE.

VOOOSH!

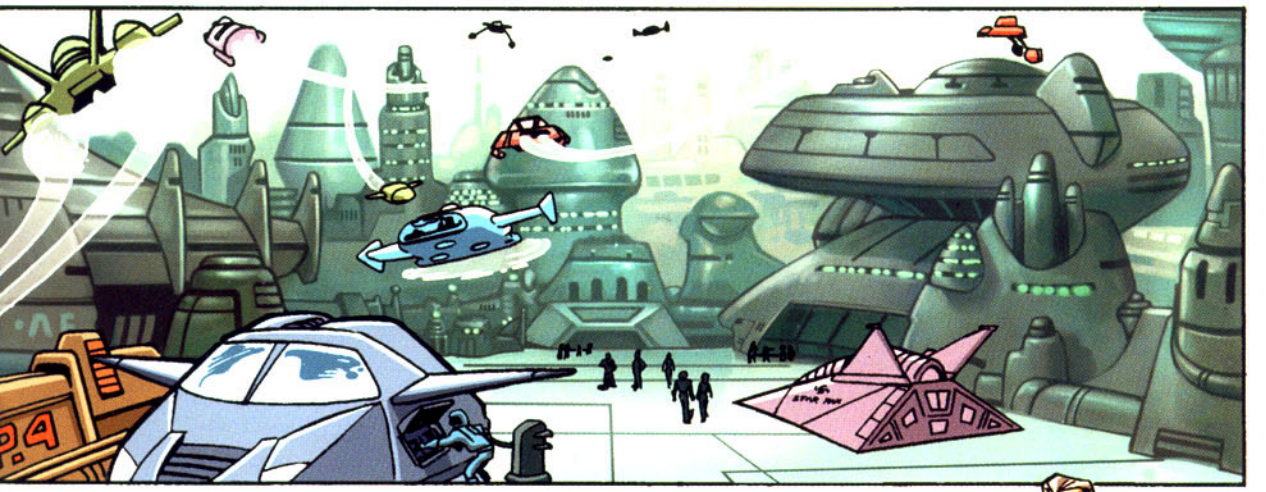
Y'KNOW, DEXTER... NOW THAT WE'VE GOT BABY BORF HERE WE'RE ONLY A STEP OR TWO AWAY FROM BECOMING A *REAL* FAMILY...

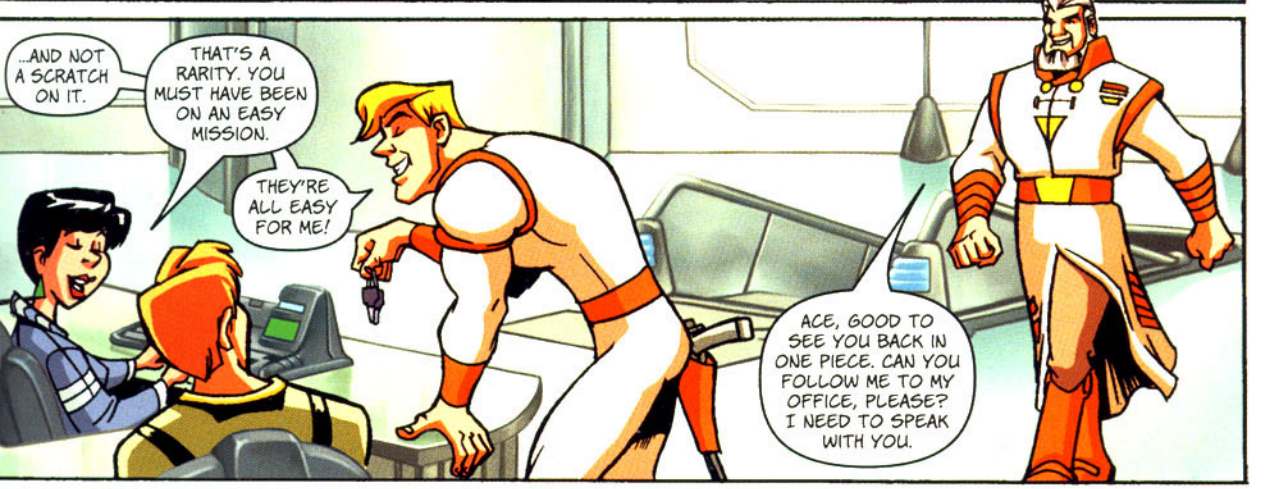
YOU DON'T SAY. THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT... *LATER...*

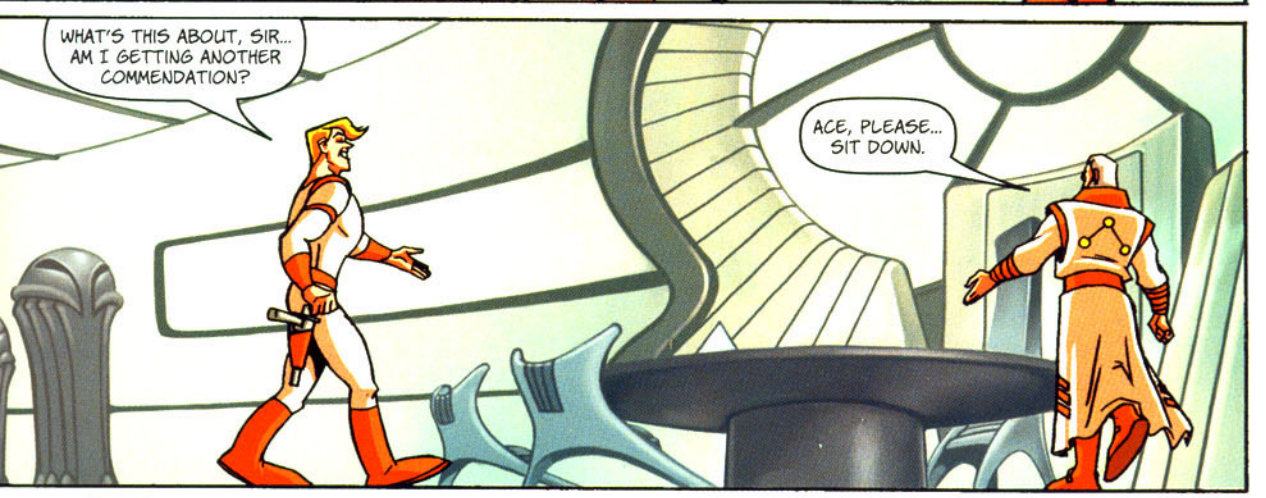


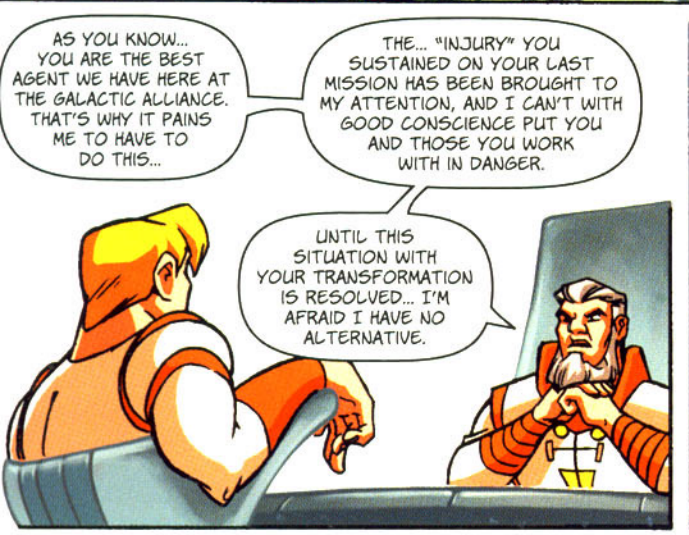
I KNOW IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE.
OH, COME ON... WHERE COULD IT BE?
ZZAAP

I KNOW HE WAS HERE. NOW, TELL ME WHERE HE WENT.
WH--WHO... WHO DO YOU MEAN?
SPACE ACE. TELL ME WHERE HE IS. DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU.
EARTH... HE WENT TO EARTH!!!



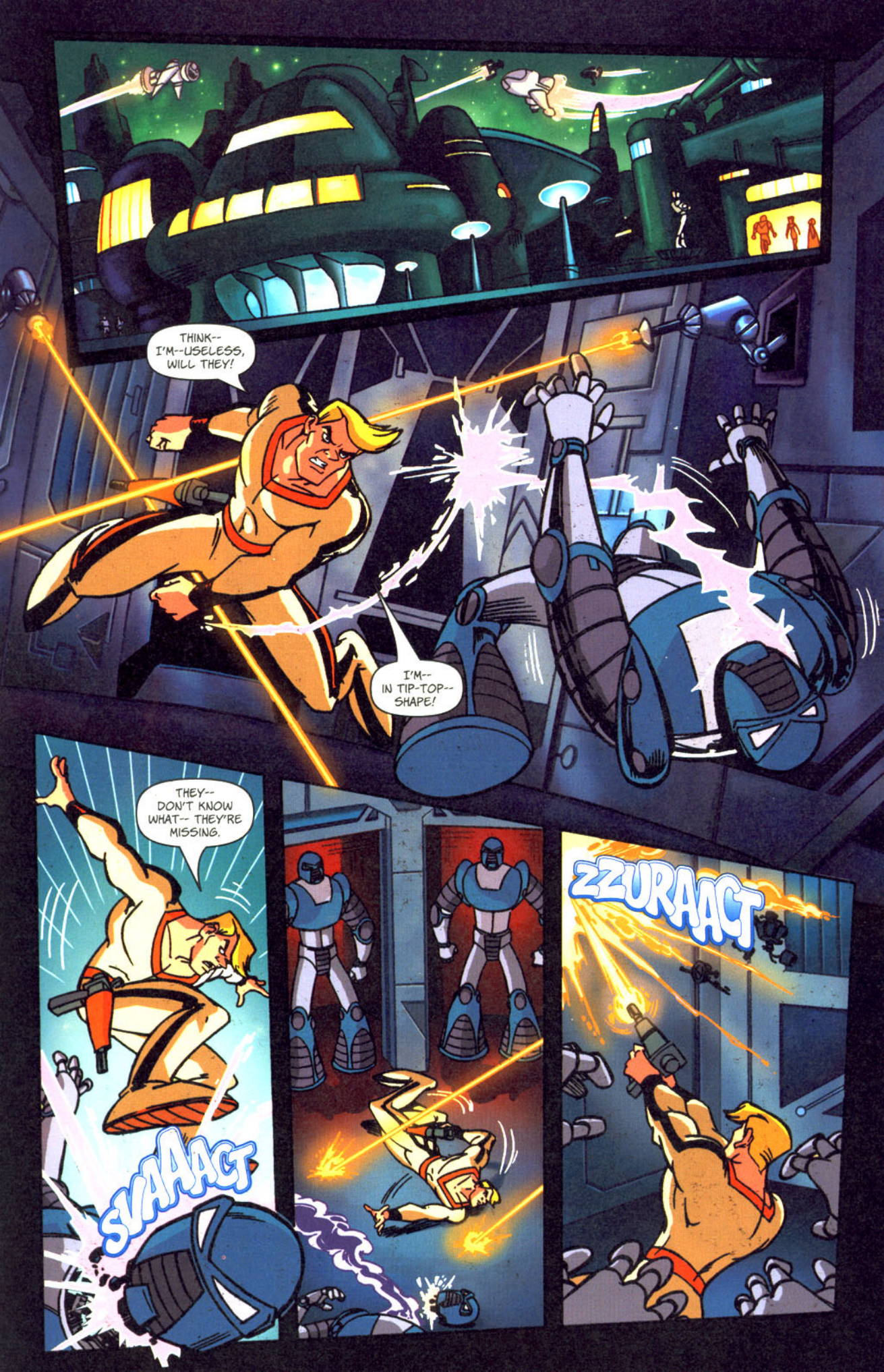

...AND NOT A SCRATCH ON IT.
THAT'S A RARITY. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN ON AN EASY MISSION.
THEY'RE ALL EASY FOR ME!
ACE, GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN ONE PIECE. CAN YOU FOLLOW ME TO MY OFFICE, PLEASE? I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

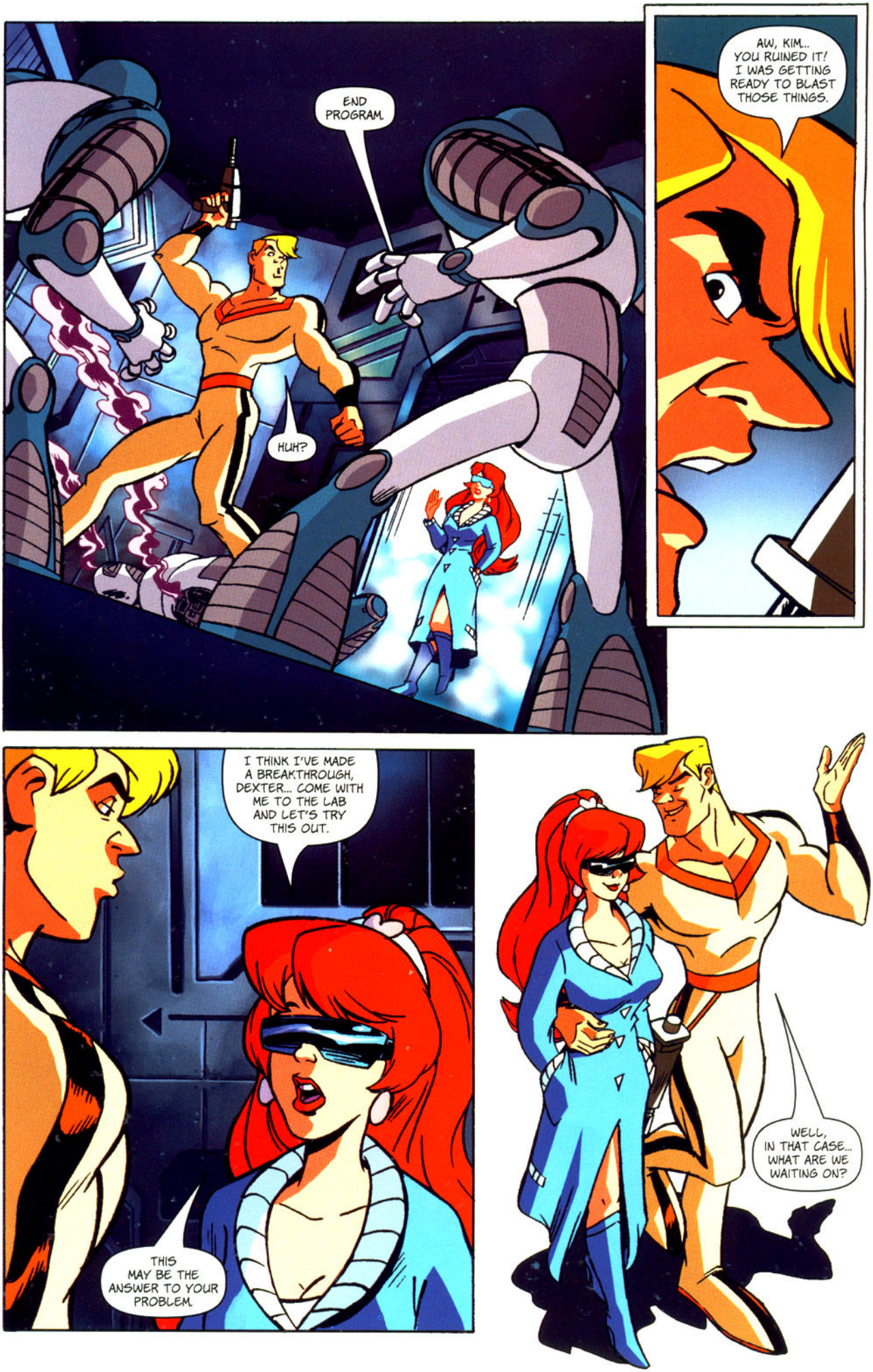

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, SIR... AM I GETTING ANOTHER COMMENDATION?
ACE, PLEASE... SIT DOWN.

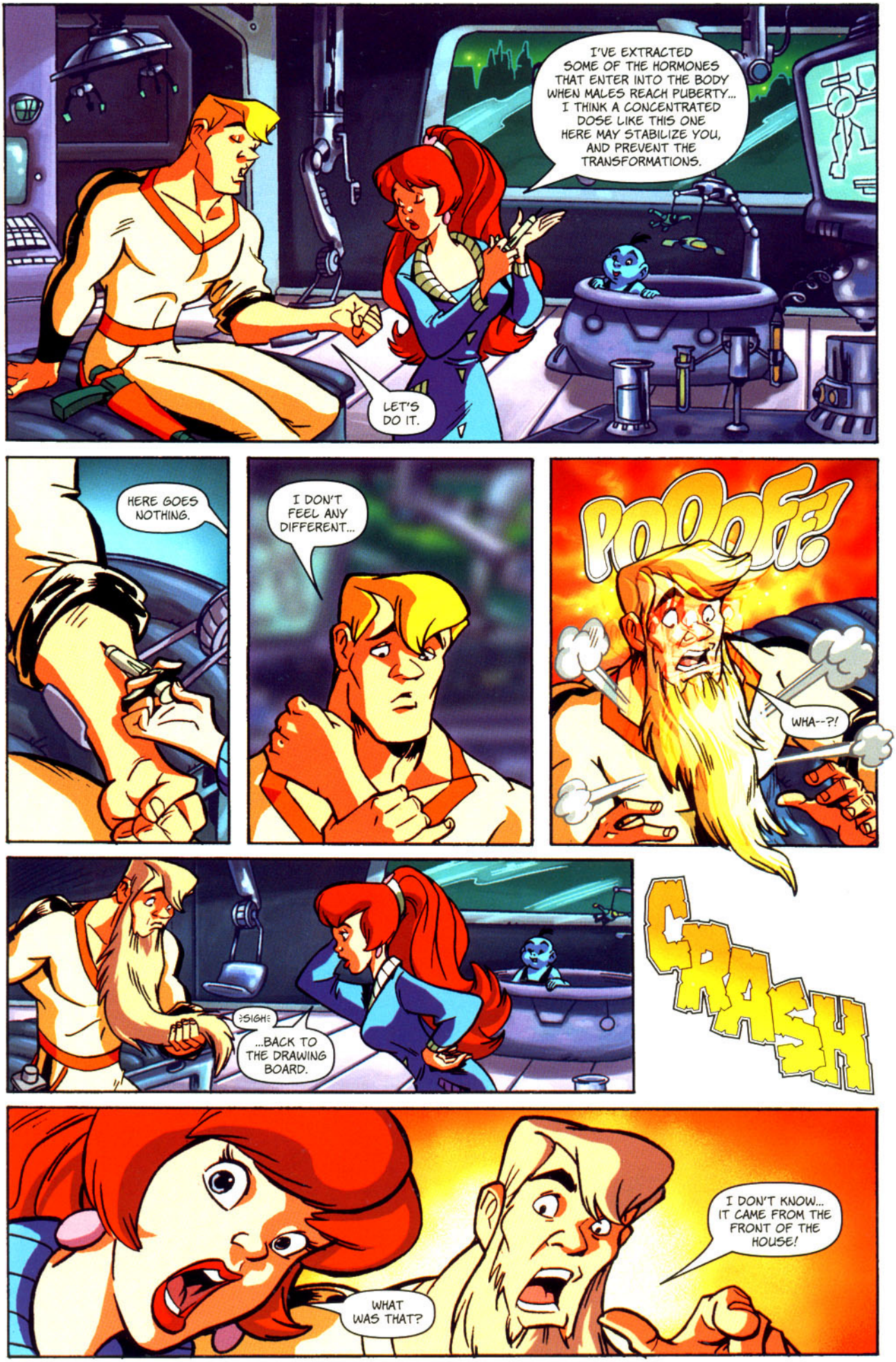

AS YOU KNOW... YOU ARE THE BEST AGENT WE HAVE HERE AT THE GALACTIC ALLIANCE. THAT'S WHY IT PAINS ME TO HAVE TO DO THIS...
THE... "INJURY" YOU SUSTAINED ON YOUR LAST MISSION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, AND I CAN'T WITH GOOD CONSCIENCE PUT YOU AND THOSE YOU WORK WITH IN DANGER.
UNTIL THIS SITUATION WITH YOUR TRANSFORMATION IS RESOLVED... I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY... I AM TEMPORARILY REVOKING YOUR COMMISSION.
YOU ARE RELIEVED OF DUTY.

BUT... SIR. I ASSURE YOU... I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.
IT WILL NOT AFFECT MY WO--
FAFAASH!!
NEVER MIND.
HOLD IT TOGETHER, ACE... THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY...
I HOPE YOU FIND A WAY TO FIX THIS SOON. WE'RE GOING TO BE VERY VULNERABLE WITHOUT HIM.
UNDERSTOOD.
STILL, I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THIS TO MY ATTENTION. I'D HATE TO LOSE ACE IN BATTLE DUE TO THIS RANDOM TRANSFORMATION. YOU WERE RIGHT TO TELL ME...
... AGENT KIMBERLY.


THINK-- I'M--USELESS, WILL THEY!
I'M-- IN TIP-TOP-- SHAPE!
THEY-- DON'T KNOW WHAT-- THEY'RE MISSING.
SVAAACT
ZZURAACT


END PROGRAM.
HUH?
AW, KIM... YOU RUINED IT! I WAS GETTING READY TO BLAST THOSE THINGS.
I THINK I'VE MADE A BREAKTHROUGH, DEXTER... COME WITH ME TO THE LAB AND LET'S TRY THIS OUT.
THIS MAY BE THE ANSWER TO YOUR PROBLEM.
WELL, IN THAT CASE... WHAT ARE WE WAITING ON?


I'VE EXTRACTED SOME OF THE HORMONES THAT ENTER INTO THE BODY WHEN MALES REACH PUBERTY... I THINK A CONCENTRATED DOSE LIKE THIS ONE HERE MAY STABILIZE YOU, AND PREVENT THE TRANSFORMATIONS.
LET'S DO IT.
HERE GOES NOTHING.
I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT...
POOOF!
WHA--?!
:SIGH:
...BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.
CRASH
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW... IT CAME FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE!

KABOOM!

KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF

I'VE COME FOR MY BROTHER!

Rayner Ni
Guardian of Asgard
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